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53. The facsimile system of claim *51*, wherein said line is in direct communication with both (1) said computer based system and (2) said facsimile machine when said first switch and said second switch are simultaneously in their respective closed positions.

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54. The facsimile system of claim *48*, further comprising a ring generator for initiating said facsimile machine.

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55. The facsimile system of claim *54*, further comprising a parallel switch for selectively activating said ring generator.

Once new claims 48-55 have been added, please cancel claims 2-6, 10, 11, and 17-47.

ARGUMENT

The Examiner rejected claims 2-6, 10-11, and 17-47 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,872,845 (Feder).

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, Applicant has provided allowable new claims 48-55 containing language drawn to the unique switching functionality of the present invention. For the Examiner's convenience, support for new claims 48-55 may be found in Figures 4 and 5, as well as Page 2, Lines 30-35; Page 4, Lines 31-35; and Page 5, Lines 1-13 of the specification.

Applicant respectfully argues that new claims 48-55 are distinguishable from the cited reference and are now allowable.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment/response be considered by the Examiner and a notice of allowance be entered.

Applicant amended the claims to clarify the structure which applicant believes distinguishes the invention over the cited references, to clarify the functions of the claimed invention, and to clarify the limitations within the claims drawn to such structure. However, amendments have not been made to narrow the claims of the original application but, rather simple, to clarify claims due to grammar that the Examiner found unclear.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

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